

SERBS MAY COMPEL BULGARS TO EVACUATE MACEDONIA—SPECIAL CABLES FROM WAR FRONTS

TEUTON ALLIANCE NEAR DISRUPTION

Turks and Bulgars, Badly Beaten, Likely to Reach Open Rupture

AUSTRIA FACES FAMINE

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MAY FORCE BULGARS OUT OF MACEDONIA

Serbian Advance Has Assumed Importance, Says General Maurice—Fate of Fourth Turkish Army in Balance

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London, Sept. 25. The situation in Palestine and Macedonia continues of extraordinary interest. In Samaria General Allenby is engaged in clearing up the debris of the seventh and eighth Turkish armies, which have ceased to exist as fighting formations, and interest is now centered on the fate of the fourth Turkish army, which is east of the Jordan, and hitherto has been scattered along the Hedjaz railway endeavoring to keep open communication with the beleaguered garrison of Medina.

It is not very likely that Liman von Sanders, who was reported to have fled in a hurry to avoid capture by our cavalry, will attempt to defend the hilly country to the west of Lake Tiberias, even if, as seems highly improbable, he has troops for that purpose.

This hilly district merges in the Lebanon and Mount Hermon ranges and the only good road through it runs along the coast. Von Sanders would therefore have great difficulty in keeping a force in northwest Palestine supplied from either Damascus or Beirut and he would have immediately in his rear the population of Lebanon, which has always been opposed to the Turks.

The news that we have occupied Haifa and Acre with ease confirms the supposition that we need not look for much opposition on this side. It is probable that his hope is to cover Damascus by making a stand on the north side of the Taurus and Lake Tiberias, and that he can continue in the Vardar to Pelion and hence the Bulgar withdrawal on the night and left of the Serbian advance can continue in the Vardar to Pelion, Babuna Pass north of Priboj will be turned and the Bulgar army split in two.

Max Bullis at Babuna Pass

The Bulgars are reported to have made a light railway from Veleus to Babuna Pass which may help them to rally there, and they are certain to make as desperate an effort as is within their power to do this and to maintain connection between the wings of their army.

Probably they will now fall back on the Dorian front, where they can feed their troops from the Sofia-Serres railway, and will endeavor to hold the left bank of the Vardar from near Stroumitza station to the junction of the Cerova and Veleus rivers, near Gradsko, and from Gradsko will try to establish a line through the Pelion Mountains to the north of Priboj.

It is as vital to them to hold the Serbian advance up the Vardar that it would not be at all surprising if, in order to obtain reinforcements for the center, they drew back their left from saves and beyond, and attacked the center, near Gradsko, and evacuated those portions of Macedonia which remain or exist without food, and in the Vardar valley they will be a long way from their railroads. Much depends on the amount of Turkish rolling stock which has been captured and the speed with which the enemy's railway can be made to serve us.

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TURKS ABANDON PALESTINE ARMY

Troops in Hedjas Sacrificed and Yemen Force Left to Own Devices

ALLIES TAKE AMMAN

Groups of Men Under White Flag Wait to Surrender to British

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Sept. 23 (Deliveries). The Turkish Seventh and Eighth armies are virtually wiped out. A very small number who succeeded in getting across the Jordan in isolated batches were a mere fragment of the force that opposed us on the morning of the 19th. They are almost entirely without war material and it is extremely doubtful whether even one gun, lorry or anything on wheels got away. A few batches in the hills are holding out in inaccessible spots. It may be a day or two before all are rounded up.

Today the cavalry captured the important port of Haifa and historical Acre and Es Salt. The result is far reaching in its effect. Our Arab allies captured Mezin.

Today saw one of the most remarkable sights a soldier ever gazed upon. From Balata, where the road to Nabulus falls through the craggy hills and narrow passes, there stretched miles of covered debris of the retreating army. In possession of Napoleon's retreat from Moscow could there have been a more terrible picture of hopeless and irremediable defeat.

In this area alone eighty-seven guns of various calibers and fully 1000 of horse and oxen drawn vehicles, nearly 100 motor lorries, cars, field ambulances, water-carts and a mass of other implements block the road with carcasses, thousands of animals' bodies and dead Turks and Germans.

Today the army has been busy in the Es Salt and Amman area bombing the enemy and also attacking the station and the Mafraq airfield. There were several direct hits, including that on one bomber, which was burned.

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FOCH'S CONSTANT NIBBLING KEEPS GERMANS WORRIED

While Preparing for Big-Scale Operations Allied Commander Is Biting Away at Good "Jumping Off Places" for Attack. American Aid in July Appreciated

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Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. With the French Armies, Sept. 25. Marked diversions in the methods of the allied and enemy high commands is shown by the situation on the battlefield during periods like the present of preparation and intermission between large-scale operations.

In the interval between the March and May battles and before the strike of July 15, the Germans were comparatively quiet, especially in sectors where an offensive was actually contemplated. I had a personal experience of this on the Marne in the early days of July, when the calm was so absolute that it was difficult to realize that a state of war existed.

Doubtless Hindenburg hoped to lull the defenders into a feeling of false security, but the fatal error was actually made by him that abandoned all the advantages of superior numbers and permitted Foch to perfect his dispositions for defense undisturbed.

The fact is that the German numerical superiority, which certainly existed in the army into which attack and holding divisions. While the former were exclusively reserved for the blow to be delivered, the latter were available for the purpose of harassing the Allies.

Foch's Superior Troops

Each, on the contrary, now has in hand a superiority of troops whose average quality is excellent for either great or small operations. The result is that while the mass of maneuver to complete preparations, the remaining force give the enemy no rest, and their ceaseless hammering and gradual but unintermittent progress has a deadly effect, both on German morale and numbers.

Nothing is so difficult for the defender to combat as the incessant whittling away of his forces and defensive positions.

Not is that the sole advantage General Mangin used to me after his July victory.

The activities of the Gothic army and my own is during the last three weeks have borne two-fold fruit. Not only do we acquire invaluable jumping off places for an offensive, but also our men were kept up and prepared for the ensuing battle. As a good horseman tests the pace and temper of his mount, so it is all-important for a general to have his army well in hand and know exactly what he can count on it to do.

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campaign cannot but render a passive role disproportionately harder than an active one. The infusion of fresh American blood and the magnificent American spirit has saved us from that danger, but you will see that when the time comes for the Allies to be attacking the German defense will be unequal to the strain."

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